

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

MARDELL MAURICE JOHNSON,

Plaintiff,

v.

NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF
CORRECTIONS MEDICAL
DEPARTMENT, *et al.*,

Defendants.

Case No. 3:22-cv-00552-MMD-CLB

ORDER

This action began with a pro se civil rights complaint filed pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983 by a state prisoner. Plaintiff has submitted an application to proceed *in forma pauperis*. (ECF No. 1). In a previous dismissal order, the Court found that Plaintiff was unable to prepay the full filing fee in this matter and granted his application to proceed *in forma pauperis*. (ECF No. 7). While the Court vacated its dismissal order at ECF No. 7 and reopened the case (ECF No. 12), the Court again finds that Plaintiff is unable to prepay the full filing fee in this matter and grants his application to proceed *in forma pauperis* (ECF No. 1).

The Court entered a screening order on March 24, 2023. (ECF No. 14). The screening order imposed a 90-day stay and the Court entered a subsequent order in which the parties were assigned to mediation by a court-appointed mediator. (ECF Nos. 14, 16). The Office of the Attorney General has filed a status report indicating that settlement has not been reached and informing the Court of its intent to proceed with this action. (ECF No. 20).

For the foregoing reasons, **IT IS ORDERED** that:

1. Plaintiff's application to proceed *in forma pauperis* (ECF No. 1) is **GRANTED**. Plaintiff shall not be required to pay an initial installment of the filing fee. In

1 the event that this action is dismissed, the full filing fee must still be paid pursuant to 28
2 U.S.C. § 1915(b)(2).

3 2. The movant herein is permitted to maintain this action to conclusion without
4 the necessity of prepayment of any additional fees or costs or the giving of security
5 therefor.

6 3. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915, as amended by the Prison Litigation Reform
7 Act, the Nevada Department of Corrections will forward payments from the account of
8 **MARDELL MAURICE JOHNSON, #1171803** to the Clerk of the United States District
9 Court, District of Nevada, 20% of the preceding month's deposits (in months that the
10 account exceeds \$10.00) until the full \$350 filing fee has been paid for this action. The
11 Clerk of the Court will send a copy of this order to the Finance Division of the Clerk's
12 Office. The Clerk will send a copy of this order to the attention of **Chief of Inmate**
13 **Services for the Nevada Department of Corrections** at formapauperis@doc.nv.gov.

14 4. The Clerk of the Court shall electronically **SERVE** a copy of this order and
15 a copy of Plaintiff's first amended complaint (ECF No. 13) on the Office of the Attorney
16 General of the State of Nevada by adding the Attorney General of the State of Nevada to
17 the docket sheet. This does not indicate acceptance of service.

18 5. Service must be perfected within ninety (90) days from the date of this order
19 pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 4(m).

20 6. Subject to the findings of the screening order (ECF No. 14), within twenty-
21 one (21) days of the date of entry of this order, the Attorney General's Office shall file a
22 notice advising the Court and Plaintiff of: (a) the names of the defendants for whom it
23 accepts service; (b) the names of the defendants for whom it does not accept service,
24 and (c) the names of the defendants for whom it is filing the last-known-address
25 information under seal. As to any of the named defendants for whom the Attorney
26 General's Office cannot accept service, the Office shall file, under seal, but shall not serve
27 the inmate Plaintiff the last known address(es) of those defendant(s) for whom it has such
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1 information. If the last known address of the defendant(s) is a post office box, the Attorney
2 General's Office shall attempt to obtain and provide the last known physical address(es).

3 7. If service cannot be accepted for any of the named defendant(s), Plaintiff
4 shall file a motion identifying the unserved defendant(s), requesting issuance of a
5 summons, and specifying a full name and address for the defendant(s). For the
6 defendant(s) as to which the Attorney General has not provided last-known-address
7 information, Plaintiff shall provide the full name and address for the defendant(s).

8 8. If the Attorney General accepts service of process for any named
9 defendant(s), such defendant(s) shall file and serve an answer or other response to the
10 first amended complaint (ECF No. 13) within sixty (60) days from the date of this order.

11 9. Plaintiff shall serve upon defendant(s) or, if an appearance has been
12 entered by counsel, upon their attorney(s), a copy of every pleading, motion or other
13 document submitted for consideration by the Court. If Plaintiff electronically files a
14 document with the Court's electronic-filing system, no certificate of service is required.
15 Fed. R. Civ. P. 5(d)(1)(B); Nev. Loc. R. IC 4-1(b); Nev. Loc. R. 5-1. However, if Plaintiff
16 mails the document to the Court, Plaintiff shall include with the original document
17 submitted for filing a certificate stating the date that a true and correct copy of the
18 document was mailed to the defendants or counsel for the defendants. If counsel has
19 entered a notice of appearance, Plaintiff shall direct service to the individual attorney
20 named in the notice of appearance, at the physical or electronic address stated therein.
21 The Court may disregard any document received by a district judge or magistrate judge
22 which has not been filed with the Clerk, and any document received by a district judge,
23 magistrate judge, or the Clerk which fails to include a certificate showing proper service
24 when required.

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DATED THIS 7th day of August 2023.

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UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE